

St. Paul & Suburban Area Intergroup Representatives' Meeting Minutes, January 17th, 2022 7:30 pm

1. **Opened** with the Serenity Prayer, Introductions, and read the primary purpose of Intergroup
2. **Approved** prior month's minutes (motion: Eliot, 2nd: Jon). Motion passed to approve minutes with majority vote.
3. **Financial Report, Bill C.** -. If you have questions or for more info, please email treasurer@aastpaul.org. - Year ended with a surplus of \$5,600 as opposed to the deficit project at the end of Oct. Total contributions and gross revenue sales exceeded the budget by end of year. Physical inventory was conducted over New year's resulting in an inventory shortage of ~\$5K. Extensive work was completed in QuickBooks to clean up prior year's errors, which resulted in an additional expense of ~\$14.5K in 2021 and no additional expenses related to clean up in 2022. Budget does not include money for any additional expenses - such as for website improvement & other projects. This budget projects a \$12K deficit. What can you do to help? Buy items from the online store or come make a purchase in-person. Please encourage people in your groups to order from Intergroup directly rather than other places. John - motion to accept the budget for 2023. Second - Greg. Motion passed.
4. **Office Report, Ken S** - see office report for full details. Online store is functioning nicely. The AA Grapevine store has some big problems. Grapevine book order was placed but we are still waiting to receive these items. Not expected to be up and running until the end of January. Office volunteers are always needed. We're always looking for more. Ideal to have 3 per day (1 for each shift) so they can answer the phones. The Lifeline (LL) is in the mail for January. February Lifeline is almost complete. Speaker program - we are up to 39 volunteers now - that's about triple what we had a few months ago. It's still hard to get people to take part in some of the meetings.
5. **Night Owl Report, Rachel P**;- 1st Wed 10PM - Thu 6AM, 1st Fri 6-9:30AM, 3rd Tue 10PM - Wed 6AM, 3rd Fri 6-9:30AM, 4th Tue 10PM - Wed 6AM, 4th Wed 6-9:30AM, 4th Fri 6-9:30AM, 5th Wed 6-9:30AM, 5th Wed 10PM - Thu 6AM, 5th Fri 6-9:30AM, 5th Sat 2-7PM. If interested, please contact Rachel P at nightowl@aastpaul.org or 651-410-0556. Orientation 3rd Saturday @ 10AM
6. **Update from the Board** - Eliot W - The board tabled a policy discussion. We are currently short two members at large, so please let Eliot know if you are interested in serving. The Spring Fling has been tentatively scheduled for April 29th, 2023. The board would like more help and support from the representatives for this event. We are opening up the idea of discussing with Minneapolis intergroups to find areas of collaboration. This in no way is about a merger. Trying to find ways to collaborate to reduce expense and duplicate effort. We have no idea what this will look like. Nothing would change until the groups vote on that. This would just allow them to start discussions. Please bring this to your group for discussion, gather feedback, and we will discuss this more in February. The idea behind the newly approved Expansion committee is to find out what groups want from Intergroup and how we can better serve those groups. Also, to spread the word about what Intergroup is and what it does. This committee was approved by the board. If you're interested in being a part of this, please contact Renee at altchair@aa.org.
7. **Liaison Reports** - District 8 - Lindsey D - they are meeting tomorrow, still looking for an alt-DCM.
8. Intergroup Events: Spring Fling will be held on April 29th, 2023. Renee will draft something with more information for representatives to bring to their groups starting next month.
9. **Old Business** - Angela T. volunteered for the Member @ Large 2023 position. Question about bylaws and meeting attendance since Mary U. and Angela T. attend some of the same meetings.
10. **New Business**
Questions to bring to your groups: Idea to reduce annual events to two- one spring and one summer event plus gratitude night. What does your group think of this? Also, do AA groups value the Lifeline? What type of information would y'all like to see?
11. **Group Announcements** - Pocketing our Pride has finally found a new home at the Fellowship Club Sunday morning at 10:30AM
12. **Suggestions for next month's agenda:** Please contact Kelly K at secretary@aastpaul.org.
13. **Grapevine Report** - Nancy T. Volunteer for February: **Jon**
14. **Concept Review:** Concept I Lindsey D. Volunteer for Concept II February: **Greg**
15. **Mock Rep Report:** Kelly K. Volunteer for February: **Nancy**
16. **Closed** with the Responsibility Statement

Eliot W - Board Chair

Kelly K - Secretary

Bob - Uptown

Nancy T. - River Rats

Marie D - Firing Line

Henry - Main Idea

Melana M - just visiting

Alex L - Rule 62

Renee B - Alternate Chair

Mary U. - Member @ Large

Mark - Summit Hill AA

Jon C. - Third Edition

Sharon L - Basic Text

Eric H - New Brighton BBS

Greg K - Woodbury Wed. Noon

Bill C - Treasurer

Tom W - Member @ Large

Debra - Maplewood Alano

Bridget - Uptown

Dina - Hole in the Donut

Patrice - Dei by Dei

Angie T - Member @ Large

Rachel P - Night Owl Chair

Ken S. - Interim Office Mgr

Jonathan L - Web Servant

Joe _ - just visiting

Dina M - Hole in the Donut

Melana M - just visiting

Alex S - Second Sandwich

Jen - Practicing These Principles

Next Meeting: February 21st 7:30PM